was notified to M/s PSL Pipe Coaters Ltd. on 20.9.93 and for laying works to the consortium of M/s Hyundai Heavy Industries Co. Ltd and Offshore Hyundai International on 6.10.93.

As 'Y' portion of the coating works was not to be funded by ADB, certain changes in the tender conditions were necessary and hence ONGC had obtained revised prices from all the technically acceptable bidders. However, one of the bidders filed a Writ Petition in the Calcutta High Court. The tender was then processed further keeping in view the directions of the High Court and the award of contract for Group 'Y' was notified to Otoklin Al-Qantani Consortium on 24.11.93.

(f) and (g) As notification of award for both Group X and Y of coating works and laying of pipeline has already been made, the project is likely to be completed within schedule and no flaring of gas on account of delay in completion of this project nor payment of huge penalities to the pipe laying contractor is envisaged by ONGC at this stage.

Private parties to import petroleum Products

765. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to allow private parties to import and sell petroleum products including LPG and Kerosen;

(b) if so, the details of the policy in this regard;

(b) whether it is a fact that already some Oil companies have started calling for distributors and deposits from LPG consumers;

(d) if so, the names of such companies; and

(e) what precautions are taken to see that the common people are not cheated by such "Oil Companies"?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) Government have announced in February 1993 the decision to introduce parallel marketing of Kerosene, LPG and LSHS by private agencies using/setting up their own bottling and distribution network for sale of such products at market determined prices under their own terms for which they do not need to obtain any license from the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas. However, they are required to obtain necessary clearance from statutory authorities, local bodies, etc., as applicable. Under the Kerosene (Restriction of use and Fixation of Ceiling Price) Order, 1993 and the LPG (Regulation of Supply and Distribution) Order, 1993, the parallel marketeers are required to intimate their intention and capabilities to import, bottle, market, distribute or sale of such products before commencement of these activities and submit a monthly report giving details of the products imported by them. Besides, they have to furnish to the Government or to such authorities as specified by the Government all the relevant particulars and information as required.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) A list of names of those private entrepreneurs whose advertisements have come to the notice of Government and who have calld for distributors and deposits from LPG consumers is given on the Statement.

(e) The public have been advised to ascertain the antecedents and bonafides of advertised parties before they enter into business with them. The Oil Industry and the Field Officers of the State Governments have started verification of the bonafides and capabilities of the advertising parallel marketeers to undertake such business. Besides the MRTP Commission is also understood to have initiated action against some such advertisers.

Statement

A list of the names of the private enterpreneurs whose advertisements have come to the Notice of Govt. and who have called for distributions .

S.No.	Name of the entrepreneurs
1	M/s. S. B. Petroleum Ltd., Lucknow.
2	M/s. Avani Petrochem Pvt. Ltd., Baroda.
3	M/s. Deccan Petroleums Ltd., Secunderabad.
4	M/s. Blue Flame Associates, Amla (M. P.) .
5	M/s. Hindustan Oil Company, New Delhi.
6	M/s. Hindustan Oil, Kanpur.
7	M/s. Karol Karnataka Oil Refineries Ltd., Bangalore.
8	M/s. Mauria Udyog Ltd., New Delhi.
9	M/s. Novatech A & T Co. Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore.
10	M/s. Pal Refinery India Limited, Hyderabad.
11	M/s. Parmar Refinery Corporation (India) Ltd., Surat.
12	M/s. Sea-Cone Trading & Appliances Co. Bangalore.
13	M/s. SKN Industries Ltd., New Delhi.
14	M/s. SPIC, Madras.
15	M/s. Swastic Gases Pvt. Ltd., Jaipur.
16	M/s. Technocrate Industries, Patna.

OPEC accord to put ceiling on oil output

766. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Goveernment's attention has been drawn to the fact that OPEC countries reached an accord to put a ceiling on output during the last quarter of 1993;

(b) if so, whether prices of crude in the international market have since increased or are likely to increase; and

(c) how far, it would affect the import bill of Government in respect of oil imports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) As per information given by IOC the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries agreed to increase the quota of production of crude oil from 23.582 million barrels per day during 3rd quarter of 1993 to 24.520 million barrels per day for the 4th Quarter of 1993 and 1st quatrer of 1994.

(b) Prices of marker crudes between 24.9.93 and 26.11.93 have not increased.

(c) As a consequence there may not be any impact on Indias' oil import bill.

NRI investment in bottling plant projects

767. SHRI MAHENDER PRASAD: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any NRI Foreign investment proposal in refining or bottling plant projects have been submitted;